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# WELCOME PACKAGE



## 2026/2027 SEASON

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# WELCOME TO BELLA DANCE ACADEMY



I am so happy to have you, your dancer, and your family join us this season!

At Bella Dance Academy, our mission of enriching lives through the arts fuels our passion for serving our community, working together to achieve our vision of having the most positive impact on youth and providing the best family experience in Yellowknife ever, as well as building strong connections between our BDA families, students, and faculty.

As a More Than Just Great Dancing®-affiliated studio, during our 2026/2027 season, we will continue to focus on growing healthy and happy kids, as we believe that dance acts as more than just an after-school activity; it acts as a tool that will equip and guide your child to become a confident, conscientious, and contributing member of our community.

In this Welcome Package, you will find information on our season calendar, dress code cheat sheets, year-end show dates, and more! All of which will help you, your dancer, and your family have a successful and stress-free season!

With that, let me be the first to say, welcome home, and THANK YOU for choosing Bella Dance Academy for your child's dance education. I can't wait to see you, your dancer, and your family at the studio this fall.

-Miss Phoenix

Owner/Studio Director

# MORE THAN JUST GREAT DANCING®

More Than Just Great Dancing® (MTJGD™) is a licensed affiliation of dance studios that subscribes to a higher standard of dance instruction and management principles.

As part of a dynamic network of 300+ dance studios and 95,000 students worldwide, MTJGD™ transforms faculty and staff development and provides leadership training, quality programs, and curricula to its affiliate studios.

**MTJGD™ is a commitment to providing MORE than excellent dance instruction.**

MTJGD™ dancers go beyond technique to develop important life skills, becoming respectful, confident, and conscientious young people who share their gifts and talents with the community.

We are a Tech-Enabled™ studio with state-of-the-art Zoom-compatible equipment. All Bella Dance Academy classes can be seamlessly transitioned to an online delivery platform (BDA Online) with no interruption to your child's learning experience.

# HEALTH, LEARNING, & SUPPORT INFORMATION AWARENESS FORM

Please fill out this form if our faculty and staff should be aware of any medical conditions, medication, allergies, sensitivities, learning styles, and/or disabilities your child has, and if, by knowing this information, our faculty and staff could better cater our classes to your child's needs.

Click here to submit this form before your dancer's first class.

**All information in this form and/or discussed with a faculty/staff member will remain confidential.*

# SAFETY & INCLUSION STUDIO POLICIES

Bella Dance Academy focuses on a hierarchy of measures to create a Safer Studio™ environment, beginning with requiring students, faculty, and staff who are ill to stay home, frequent handwashing, good hygiene practices, and enhanced cleaning.

## What makes BDA a Safer Studio™?

- Background-checked and CPR-certified instructors & staff
- Safer Studio™ Policy
- Teacher training and proven curriculum
- A focus on safety & wellness
- Inclusive language
- Secured facilities
- Viewing windows & professional sprung floors
- Social media safety practices

## Physical Safety

Dancers are required to observe the safety of their peers and BDA staff, including substitutes and guest instructors. Instructors and dancers are expected to obtain consent before physically interacting with students, peers, and staff.

## Inclusivity

BDA is an inclusive space that aims to create a safe learning environment for everyone. BDA will not accept discrimination, exclusionary behaviour, or language that negatively targets anyone based on:

- Race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, ethnic origin, and nationality
- Sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity
- Family or marital status, or family affiliation
- Social condition
- Religion or creed
- Political belief or association
- Disability
- Age

## Accommodation

BDA can provide in-class accommodation to dancers. If your dancer requires accommodations to participate in dance classes, please contact our administrative team at info@belladance.ca, and we will work with you to create a reasonable accommodation plan for your dancer and the studio.

# CHOOSING INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

Language has the power to change minds, hearts, behaviours, relationships, and to create narratives that shape our perceptions and beliefs.

At Bella Dance Academy, we know how important language can be for our students, staff, and families; that's why our Registration Form includes a place to tell us your dancer's personal pronouns, as well as multiple gender options, or the option not to select a gender.

We also offer a gender-neutral dress code and costuming options. Dancers will have the opportunity to choose any combination of dress code options from our Dress Code Cheat Sheets to ensure they feel comfortable in class. Dancers will also have the opportunity to fill out a costuming preference form before year-end show costumes are ordered so that they can feel confident on stage.

## When You're Not Sure, Consider the Following...

Husband/Wife → Partner/Spouse

Ladies/Guys → Everyone, Friends, Y'all

Brother/Sister → Siblings

Mom/Dad → Grown-Up, Adult, Parent

**At BDA, please use strategies to make language as gender-inclusive as possible, including using gender-neutral endings or non-gendered terms. Only specify gender when it is relevant or necessary and known.**

## Why is it important to respect people's pronouns?

- You can't always tell someone's pronouns by looking at them. Asking and correctly using someone's pronouns is one of the most basic ways to show your respect for their gender identity.

- When someone is referred to with the wrong pronoun, it can make them feel disrespected, invalidated, dismissed, alienated, or dysphoric (often all of the above).

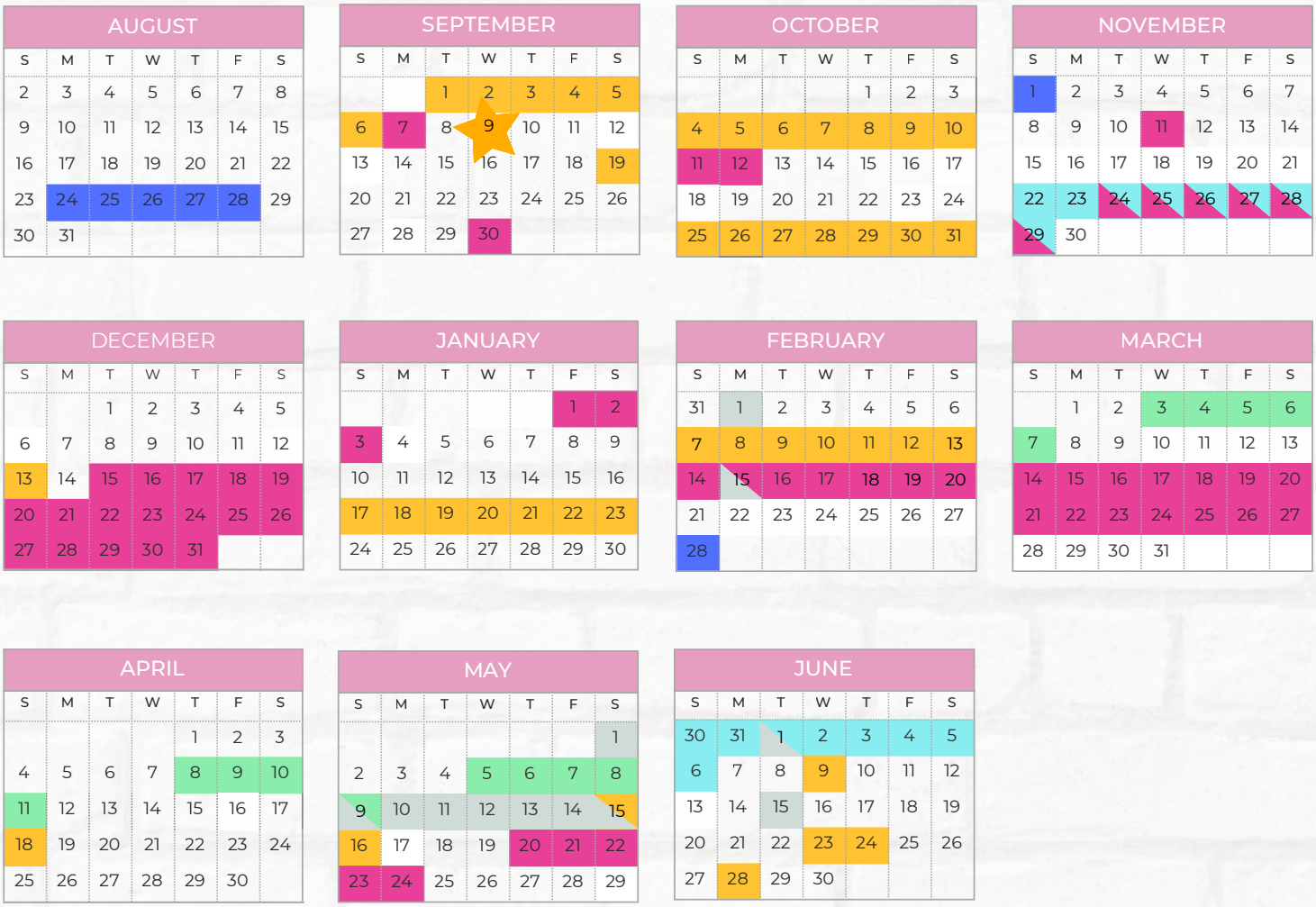
## What if I make a mistake?

That's okay! Everyone slips up from time to time. The best thing to do if you use the wrong pronoun for someone is to say something right away, like "Sorry, I meant (insert pronoun)." If you realize your mistake after the fact, apologize in private and move on.

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# 26/27 SEASON CALENDAR




## SPECIAL DAYS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Sep 1st - 6th** : Dancewear Days
**Sep 9th**: First Day of Classes
**Sep 19th**: Nutcracker Auditions
**October 4th - 10th** - Bring a Friend Week
**October 25th - 31st** - Dress Up Week
**December 13th** - Elf Sleepover
**January 17th - 23rd** - Grown Up Observation
**January 23rd** - 2SLGBTQ+ Mixer
**February 7th - 13th** - Self Love Week
**April 18th** - STAR Leadership Day of Dance
**May 15th - 16th** : Year End Photos
**June 9th**: Student Appreciation Day
**June 23rd & 24th**: Bella Beats Auditions
**June 28th**: First Day of Summer Camps

## STUDIO CLOSED

**Sep 7th**: Labour Day
**Sep 30th**: Day for Truth & Reconciliation
**Oct 11th - 12th**: Thanksgiving
**Nov 11th**: Remembrance Day
**Nov 24th-30th**: Closed for Nutcracker
**Dec 15th - Jan 3rd**: Winter Break
**Feb 14th- 20th** - Inter-sessional Break
**Mar 14th- 27th**: Spring Break
**May 20th - 24th**: Victoria Day Weekend & Year End Show Prep

## ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE

**Aug 24th- 28th**: RAD Intensive Week
**Nov 1st**: Exams @ NACC
**Feb 28th**: Exams @ NACC

## PERFORMANCES AT NACC*

**Nov 22nd - 29th**: Nutcracker Week
**May 30th - June 6th**: Year End Show Week

## REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DATES

**Nov 15th**: Costume Fees due
**Feb 1st**: 2027 Spring Camp Registration Opens (current BDA families)
**Feb 15th**: Performance Fee processed (all annual students)
**May 1st**: 2027 Summer Camp Registration Opens (current BDA families)
**May 9th - 15th**: Recommendation Forms
**May 30th**: Rollover Registration Opt Out Deadline
**June 1st**: Membership Fee Processed for 2027/2028 Season
**June 15th**: Open Registration for 2027/2028 season

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# CLIENT PORTAL

**Did you know that you can log in to your account to see your dancer's class schedules, open classes, and update your billing information?**

This portal can always be found on our website by going to 'BDA Families', then clicking Client Login.

Be sure to familiarize yourself with your Client Portal!

Click here to visit your Client Portal.

**Important Client Information - Action Required**
Please ensure that your contact information, mailing address, billing address, emergency contact information, and all other information are accurate and up to date on your Client Portal.








Please visit the portal before the first week of class to ensure we have all the important information for your account!

# DON'T MISS A BEAT!

There is SO much that goes on at the studio during the season, and lives get busy, so don't miss a thing by reading our Weekly Wednesday newsletters, following us on social media, combining your calendar, and much more.

## Weekly Wednesday Newsletters

Watch your inbox for our "Weekly Wednesday" emails, sent each Wednesday. These emails are the easiest way to stay informed about upcoming dates and events, and to get the most up-to-date information on all things BDA.

## Let's Make it Instagram and Facebook Offical

Follow us on Instagram (bella.dance.academy) and Facebook (belldanceyk) to see sneak peeks of your dancer's classes, learn about upcoming camp registrations, and so you don't miss out on exciting opportunities, contests, and giveaways!

## Facebook Community Page

Join our BDA Student & Parent Community page! This Facebook page is a great place for us to send quick updates, for parents to ask questions, sell used dancewear, and share photos.

Click here to join!

## Mark Your Calendar

Click here to view our 2026/2027 season calendar.

## Have Any Questions? Text Us (867)-675-5447

Text us at your convenience, and we'll respond during our office hours.

**Office Hours**:
Monday - Friday, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*Starting Tuesday, September 1st 2026*

# REQUIRED DRESS CODE

All dancers registered in Bella Dance Academy's annual classes are required to attend class in dress code.

Each class's dress code is designed to allow instructors to clearly see body alignment, posture, and technique, helping students develop healthy movement habits while reducing the risk of injury. Appropriate attire also enhances safety by minimizing loose clothing or accessories that can become distractions or hazards during class.

Beyond safety, following the dress code fosters professionalism, discipline, and respect for the art of dance. Wearing BDA's required dress code helps students arrive mentally prepared to learn, fosters a sense of unity within the class, and encourages focus and confidence.

Click here to view our 2026/2027 Dress Code Cheat Sheets for your dancer's class.

## Where Do I Purchase My Dancer's Dress Code?

All dress code items can be purchased at our Bella Boutique (except pointe shoes) before the start of the season!

We recommend waiting for our **annual Dancewear Days sale, from Tuesday, September 1st - Sunday, September 6th**, as the studio will be fully stocked with all the items your dancer needs for their classes, including shoes, tights, leotards, and more!

## Bella Boutique Hours

*Starting Tuesday, September 1st*

- Monday - Friday, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday - Sunday, 9:00 - 2:00 p.m.



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# YEAR-END SHOW 2027

## What is the Year-End Show?

The Year-End Show is a series of performances (2 Jr. shows and 3 Sr. shows) at the end of every season (June 2027) where dancers registered in annual classes will perform on stage at the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre (NACC) to celebrate their progress and success in front of their family and friends!

Participation in the Year-End Show is not mandatory; however, performing helps build dancers' self-esteem and confidence. Participation in these performances also helps dancers develop memory retention skills, teamwork, and adaptability. ***Please notify the office by November 1st if your dancer will not be participating in the Year-End Show.***

Beginning in January, each instructor creates a custom age-appropriate piece of choreography for each class, based on the season's chosen theme (to be announced). After months of practice during class time, the year culminates as each annual class performs its routine on the NACC stage wearing a unique costume, tights, and shoes.

## When is the Year-End Show?

The Year-End Show performances are scheduled for ***June 2027***.

**A full breakdown of the dates can be found below**:

- **Tech Rehearsals**: May 30th - June 2nd (Times TBD)

- **Dress Rehearsals**:
  - June 2nd - Jr. Dress Rehearsal (Time TBD)
  - June 3rd - Sr. Dress Rehearsal (Time TBD)

- **Performances**:
  - June 4th - Sr. Performance, 6:00 p.m.
  - June 5th - Sr. Performance (1:00 p.m.) & Jr. Performance (5:00 p.m.)
  - June 6th - Jr. Performance (1:00 p.m.) & Sr. Performance (5:00 p.m.)

## Is My Dancer in the Jr. or Sr. Performances?

- **Jr. Performances**:
  - Mini Movement
  - Combo Classes (Combo 4, Combo 5, Combo 6, Combo 4/5/6)
  - Kinder Classes (Kinder Jazz, Kinder Acro)
  - Fairytale Ballet
  - Hippity Hop
  - Level 1 & 2 Classes (Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Modern, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre)
  - Acro A

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## Is My Dancer in the Jr. or Sr. Show?

- **Sr. Performances**:
  - Ballet Levels 3 - C
  - Jazz Levels 3 - C
  - Tap Levels 3 - C
  - Hip Hop Levels 3 - C
  - Musical Theatre Levels 3 - C
  - Pointe Levels A - B
  - Modern Levels 3 - 4
  - Contemporary Levels 5 - C
  - Acro Levels B - F
  - Teen Ballet
  - Teen Acro Levels A - B
  - Actor's Studio
  - Voice Levels A - B

## What is Tech Rehearsal?

Tech rehearsals are practice sessions at the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre, where dancers rehearse their routine with all technical elements in place, including lighting, music, props (if applicable), and stage transitions. It allows dancers and the production team to work together to ensure everything runs smoothly before the show.

Each annual class will receive a specific date and time for its individual tech rehearsal. All dancers are expected to attend, as this rehearsal allows them to get familiar with the stage and theatre and also helps our production team with lighting and stage transitions.

***Dancers are expected to arrive in their class dress code, NOT stage hair, makeup, and costume.***

## What is Dress Rehearsal?

Dress rehearsal is the final practice session at the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre before the official weekend of performances begins. Each annual class will perform its routine on stage, complete with hair, makeup, and costume, with the final show featuring lighting, music, and stage transitions. This rehearsal gives dancers, instructors, and the production team one final opportunity to practice and ensure everything runs smoothly during the performance weekend.

***All dancers are expected to attend this rehearsal***, as it helps them feel comfortable and confident on stage before opening night.

# YEAR-END SHOW 2027

## What is Dress Rehearsal?

***Dancers are expected to arrive at the theatre with their stage hair and makeup done, and either wearing their costume or bringing it with them so they can change into it at the theatre.***

## Are there Additional Fees?

Yes, there are additional fees to participate in the Year-End Show.

- **Performance Fee** - $65+GST / per student (regardless of how many classes registered)
  - This fee is processed in February 2027

- **Costume Fee** - $105+GST / per class (each class receives its own costume).
  - This fee is processed in November 2026

More information about the Year-End Show, including the theme, specific rehearsal times, and costumes, will be announced throughout the season leading up to the performance weekend.

If you have any current questions about the Year-End Show, please reach out at info@belladance.ca, and one of our admin staff will be happy to help!








# COSTUME PACKAGES
## YEAR-END SHOW 2027

Each annual class will receive a hand-selected costume to wear during their routine at the Year-End Show performances on the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre stage.

### What's Included in My Dancer's Costume Package?

Each costume package is tailored to each dancer and depends on how many classes your dancer is registered for in our 2026/2027 season.

All packages will include a Year-End Show Finale Tee Shirt, a pair of tights (up to two (2) pairs depending on what classes your dancer is registered for), and a costume (up to as many classes as your dancer is taking).

***Please note that regardless of how many classes your dancer is registered for, they will only receive one (1) Year-End Show Finale T-shirt.***

**Please view the costume packages for each class below**:

### Ballet, Combo, & Pointe Classes

- Costume
- Pink-Coloured or Skin-Tone Footed Tights
- Finale Tee Shirt

### Hip Hop, Jazz, Mini Movement, Musical Theatre, & Tap Classes

- Costume
- Skin-Tone Footed Tights
- Finale Tee Shirt

### Acro, Contemporary, & Modern Classes

- Costume
- Skin-Tone Footless Tights
- Finale Tee Shirt

### Voice Classes

- Finale Tee Shirt

# COSTUME PACKAGES
## YEAR-END SHOW 2027

### Costume Fees
Costume fees are collected and distributed to the companies that make our Year-End Show costumes. Many companies are made-to-order, which typically requires a 12-16 week lead time.

In an effort to ensure that our costumes are delivered on time for the Year-End Show performances in June 2027, ***costume fees are processed in November 2026***, so costume orders can be placed as early as possible. Costumes arrive January 2027 through March 2027. Costume manufacturers do not accept cancellations; therefore, ***we do not refund costume fees***.

**Costume Fee** - $105+GST / per class
Your child will have a different costume for every class that they are in.

**Example**: If your dancer is in Ballet and Jazz, they will receive two costumes. Therefore $105+GST x 2 = $210+GST.

### How are Costumes Sized?
BDA's Admin Team will size all dancers for their costumes during their class time, following all safety protocols. This is done early in the year, so we take the growth rate for your dancer's age into consideration.

We offer costume alterations in the spring if your dancer's costume does not fit properly.

### Costume Scholarships
We understand costume fees can be a significant finanical cost for some families, and we would never want this to impact your dancer's ability to participate in the Year-End Show, as these performances provide much benefit to your dancer.

If you and your family require support regarding costume fees, please reach out at info@belladance.ca to learn more and apply for our costume scholarships.

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# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

At Bella Dance Academy, our classes offer much more than dance education, and we want to share this gift with as many children and families as possible, which is why we created our scholarship program. We intend to include those less fortunate within our community and involve everyone in dance and the performing arts!

## Who Qualifies for Funding?

If you are looking to provide your child with the opportunity to participate in our dance or performance programs but are facing financial difficulties, you are a great candidate for our Scholarship Program.

## What Scholarships are Available?

We have many scholarship opportunities available: 9-Week Sessions, Full Season Programs, and Nutcracker Performance scholarships.

## How Do I Apply?

Visit www.belladance.ca/scholarship-program to fill out our application form.

## Pay What You Can Program

Our Pay What You Can Program is designed to make dance more accessible for families who may need additional financial flexibility. Approved students may participate in eligible programs at a reduced tuition rate that works within their family's budget.

Families applying for this program will complete a short application form and let us know what monthly or session amount they're realistically able to contribute. From there, our team will work with each family to create a supportive, manageable payment plan.

This program is available for students registered in 1–2 hours of dance classes per week. Please note that Performance Fees and Costume Fees still apply; however, the annual Membership Fee will be waived for approved scholarship students.

We believe every child deserves the opportunity to experience the joy, confidence, and community that dance can provide.

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# DISCOUNTS

## 2+ Hours Weekly Discount

Tuition discounts will apply to students enrolled in more than 2 weekly hours of annual classes. Discounts apply as follows:

X hours of class = X% discount

***Discounts are not offered for BDA's Bloom and Blossom programs, camps, summer classes, special events, examination fees, competition choreography, entry fees, costumes, or membership fees.***

## Service Family Discount

Bella Dance Academy is grateful to those individuals who serve our community as a first responders, active military, or veterans.

**As a way of saying thank YOU, we extend a 10% tuition discount to**:

- All active first responders (police, firefighters, EMS), whether paid or volunteer
- All active duty military personnel
- All honorably discharged military veterans

The discount applies to the immediate family members of the individuals above who live in the same household. Discount applies to the tuition cost of the 1st hour of dance only. ***No cash value to this discount and not transferable or available with any other discount or special offer.***

## Aurora College Discount

We have a special discount for Students & Staff at Aurora College. We're **offering a 10% discount for our Adult Dance Classes** this upcoming season.

We know that engaging in different artistic disciplines - movement, music, or performance - enriches creativity, deepens body awareness, and enhances confidence. Our classes are designed to be welcoming, expressive, and fun - great for adults who want to move, connect, and explore new ways of storytelling.

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# COMMUNITY AT BDA

**We LOVE providing extras for our studio families throughout the season! Here are just a few of the amazing things that we offer.**

## Birthday Parties

Birthday parties are fun and easy at Bella Dance Academy!

Click here for more information on our very special birthday party packages.



## 2SLGBTQ+ Hot Chocolate Mixer

Join us, Saturday, January 23rd, for hot chocolate, games, and community.



## STAR Leadership Program

This program will help kids gain confidence, battle stress and anxiety, create awareness, and put action behind values such as capacity building, gratitude, perseverance, and leadership.

Click here for more info!




## Student Appreciation Day - Bella BASH!

A year-end celebration to celebrate your dancer, you, and your family!

Join us at Somba K'e park, **Wednesday, June 9th**, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. for an evening of bouncy castles, games, prizes, and more!



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# EARN TUITION CREDIT!
## SPREAD THE WORD

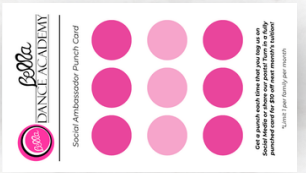
Tell your friends, family members, or co-workers the things you love about Bella Dance Academy - our great facility, the caring instructors and staff, all the smiles and fun during each class, our commitment to our community - they will quickly see the value and life skills nurtured in each class and want the same for their child.

Get a punch each time that you tag us on Social Media (Instagram - bella.dance.academy / Facebook - belladanceyk) or share our posts!

***Turn in a fully punched card for $10 off the following month's tuition!***

**STOP BY THE FRONT DESK TO PICK UP YOUR PUNCH CARD, STARTING AUGUST 24TH**

**Limit 1 per family per month*




Follow us on Social Media
@bella.dance.academy
@belladanceyk

Share our posts

Tag us in photos

Bring your punch card to the front desk

Show us your tagged/shared posts & receive a punch on your card for each

Repeat to fill your card for $10 off tuition - every month!

# THE NUTCRACKER

## JOIN THE MAGIC THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Bella Dance Academy is thrilled to announce that we will be putting on the production of The Nutcracker again this holiday season!

### What is The Nutcracker?

The Nutcracker is a holiday classic and one of BDA's favourite holiday traditions. Based on the classical Nutcracker ballet with some of our own twists and spins, BDA's production of The Nutcracker tells the story of Clara, who receives a nutcracker doll on Christmas Eve from her uncle Drosselmeyer. That night, when she falls asleep, she journeys through a dreamlike world, battling mice, traveling through a winter wonderland filled with dancing snowflakes and angels, and the enchanting Land of Sweets, where the Sugar Plum Fairy reigns.

### How Can My Dancer Participate?

All dancers who want to participate in Bella Dance Academy's 2026 production of The Nutcracker are required to audition. We will be holding open auditions for our 2026 production of The Nutcracker on Saturday, September 19th!

**Auditions are open to dancers ages 6+ of all genders, abilities, and experience levels (non-Bella Dance Academy students are welcome and encouraged to audition!).**

### Are There Additional Fees?

Yes, to participate in The Nutcracker (if selected from auditions), there are additional fees, as this is a production completely separate from annual classes and the Year-End Show.

**Performance Fee** - $205+GST / per dancer

- Dancers who are double-cast (performing in only two shows) will pay a performance fee of $105 +GST per dancer.

***Note: No Performance Fee for Adults (19+).***

**Costume Charge** - $50

- Bella Dance Academy owns all costumes. If costumes are not returned clean and in good condition (excluding normal wear), a charge of $50 will be processed to the card on file.

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# THE NUTCRACKER

## JOIN THE MAGIC THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

### Audition Details

**Who Can Audition?**

Anyone ages 6+, of all genders, abilities, and experience levels (non-Bella Dance Academy students are welcome and encouraged to audition!).

**When?**

Saturday, September 19th
Ages 5 - 8, 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Ages 9 - 11, 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.
Ages 12 - 18, 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.
Adults 19+, 8:00 - 8:30 p.m

**Where?**

Bella Dance Academy, 349 Old Airport Rd #103, Yellowknife, NT

***Dancers must read our audition handbook and fill out the registration form prior to the audition.***

### Other Important Information

**Rehearsals**: run on Saturdays and Sundays, starting Saturday, September 26th

**Performance Dates**: November 27th, 28th, and 29th at the Northern Arts & Cultural Centre (NACC) stage.

**Click here to visit our website to learn more AND to register for Auditions!**







# POLICIES

## Ways to Learn for All Students

BDA offers a variety of service options, including private instruction, small-group instruction, traditional classes, and more, to meet the needs of all students and staff and maintain service continuity in any situation.

## Rescheduling, Instructor and Class Substitutions

Instructor assignments will be announced before classes begin. BDA reserves the right to reschedule or combine classes or to provide a substitute teacher. BDA reserves the right to deliver class content via an online system if classes cannot be conducted live for any reason, including but not limited to weather, teacher absence, or governmental advisories.

## Safer Studio Policy

BDA requires all staff and students to stay home when they are ill. To reduce community spread of illness, we follow best practices and recommendations from our local health department and industry associations, including More Than Just Great Dancing!® and Youth Protection Advocates in Dance. BDA focuses on a hierarchy of measures, beginning with keeping ill people home, followed by frequent handwashing and good hygiene practices, and then amplified cleaning. In the event a class cannot be held at the studio, classes will be moved to an online learning platform until in-studio classes resume.

## Special Communications

BDA works to keep you informed and up to date on regular studio happenings: Please read our Weekly Wednesday Newsletter, Emails, and Studio Communication Center (TV slideshow and information board at the studio). Follow @belladanceyk on Facebook and @bella.dance.academy on Instagram for weekly updates, and join our BDA Parent & Student Community on Facebook to connect with faculty and families. Any questions - We are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding your dancer or our programs. Let us know if we can help you in any way!

## Attendance

Regular attendance is vital to student progress and group choreography. Please make every effort to attend each class. If you miss more than two of the final eight classes before our Year-End Show performances, you may be dismissed from participating in the performance routine at the discretion of the instructor. Please report all absences to the studio.

# POLICIES

### Inter-Sessional Break

BDA offers one inter-sessional break, providing flexibility during the dance season. Inter-sessional breaks allow for the potential makeup of classes in the event of breaks, canceled classes, or a cessation of classes for any reason.

### Dress Code

Proper attire and hair etiquette are required for all classes. For safety reasons, dancers are not permitted to wear jewelry. All required items will be available for purchase at our Bella Boutique (except Pointe shoes). Dancers will not be sent home if they are unable to meet the dress code requirements, but will receive a warning if they are not consistently meeting expectations.

### Class Observation

In an effort to maximize both instructional time and observational time, parent observation will be permitted for the entire class on scheduled dates (please see the BDA 2026/2027 Season Calendar). Other observations are at the teacher's discretion. We ask that you observe quietly, that cell phones be turned off, and that siblings be monitored and quiet during observations. Parents/guardians are not permitted to watch from the hallways.

### Lost & Found

Lost and found is located next to the change rooms. Please check the lost and found regularly, as all items are donated to the Salvation Army on the 15th of each month. BDA is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. Please do not leave belongings unattended. Dancers are encouraged to bring dance bags into the classrooms.

### Exam Classes

We are very pleased to be offering Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Ballet Exams during our 2026/2027 season. Eligible classes are listed on our website under 'Royal Academy of Dance ' and will work towards fulfilling their examination requirements throughout the season. Participation is not mandatory, but is encouraged. Extra fees apply, and special attire is required. If your dancer has been selected to participate in an examination or class award session, you will receive notice (and all details) ASAP.

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